

REMARKS

Claims 1-28 are pending in the application. Claims 1-14, 23, 24, 27 and 28 are allowed. Claims 15, 16 and 25 stand rejected. Claims 17-21 and 26 stand objected to.

The Examiner rejected Claims 15, 16, 22 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ujita et al (US 5,506,611). Claims 15-21 and 25 have been amended.

The Examiner objected to Claims 17-21 and 26 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. The Examiner indicated that such claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 15 has been amended to include the limitations of Claims 16 and 17. Claims 19, 20, 21 have been recast as independent claims, each including the limitations of Claim 15. Claims 16, 17 and 26 have been cancelled.

It is respectfully submitted, therefore, that in view of the above amendments and remarks, that this application is now in condition for allowance, prompt notice of which is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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